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Dear Sir:

In accordance with the provisions of 37 C.F.R. §1.136(a), it is respectfully requested that a 1-month extension of time be granted in which to respond to the outstanding Office Action mailed January 24, 2002, said period of response being extended from February 24, 2002 to March 24, 2002.

Our check in the amount of \$110.00 is enclosed to cover the required extension fee for a large entity.

Respectfully submitted,

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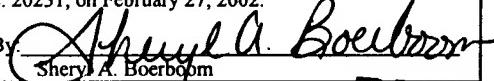
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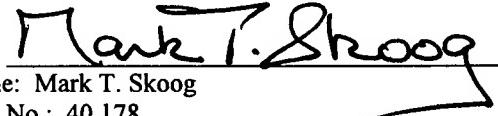
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- Transmittal Sheet in duplicate containing Certificate of Mailing
- Amendment and Response
- Petition for Extension of Time and fee of \$110.00
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